

# THE NATIONAL FOOTBALL LEAGUE

## REVISED RULES: SEASON 1933

IN ALL INSTANCES OTHER THAN IN THE EXCEPTIONS NOTED HEREIN THE RULES OF THE NATIONAL INTERCOLLEGIATE ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION ARE TO BE FOLLOWED.

### KICK-OFF AND FREE KICK

1. The receiving team may line in any position beyond the ten yard restraining line.
2. It is permissible for the kicking team to use a natural tee made from the soil in the immediate vicinity of the point of kick-off.

### FLYING BLOCK AND TACKLE

The flying block and tackle are permitted.

### FORWARD PASS

The passer may pass the ball from any point behind the line of scrimmage.

### TIME OUT

Officials *must* notify the captain of each team when time has been out three (3) times — and no penalty is to be imposed for additional time out unless such notice has been given.

### DEAD BALL

In Rule 7—Section 7—Article (1a) of the Intercollegiate rules *omit* the words “when any portion of his person except his hands or feet touches the ground”.

## PERSONAL FOULS

Use of hands — in Rule 10—Section 2—Article 1 —Item 2 of the Intercollegiate Rules, **omit** the words “players on defense may not strike the opponent on the head, neck, or face with the palms of their hands”.

## CLIPPING

The penalty for clipping shall be 25 yards — officials shall enforce this rule to the letter.

## GOAL POSTS

The goal posts shall be placed on the goal-line instead of ten yards beyond.

Account the goal posts being placed on the goal-line the following rules become effective:

1. A ball kicked from the field of play, except one scoring a goal, which strikes the goal posts or cross-bar before being touched by a player of either side, shall become a dead ball and is to be ruled a touchback.

2. A ball kicked from behind the goal-line which strikes the goal posts or cross-bar and is recovered by the opponents in the end zone shall be ruled a touchdown. In the event it is recovered by a player of the kicking team, or rolls outside the side line extended, or beyond the end line in the end zone, it shall be ruled a safety. Should the ball strike the goal posts or cross-bar and continue into the field of play it shall be played as if it did not hit the goal posts.

3. A forward pass thrown from the field of play which strikes the goal posts or cross-bar or after it has been touched by an eligible player and before it has touched the ground shall be declared incomplete and ruled a touchback.

4. A forward pass thrown from behind the goal-line which strikes the goal posts or cross-bar shall be subject to recovery by the opposing team or any eligible player of the passing team before it strikes the ground. (The passer is included among the eligible men.) Should the ball be recovered by a member of the passer's team and not advanced into the field of play, or bounds beyond the side line extended, or beyond the end line, it shall be ruled a safety. Should the ball strike the goal posts or cross-bar and continue into the field of play it shall remain in play as though it had not touched any obstruction.

## NOTICE TO OFFICIALS

1. Where only three officials are used the Umpire shall be the timekeeper unless another official is designated by the Referee. Where the fourth official is used the Field Judge shall be the timekeeper.
2. All officials must wear white trousers, white shirt, black tie and preferably black stockings.
3. All railroads sell reduced rate week-end round trip tickets. You are instructed to purchase such transportation.

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